under the provisions of the new Act. Some of the Committees sent up the lists to Government for preliminary publication.

### (x) Amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes.

**289.** A sum of Rs. 19 lakhs was sanctioned for the scheme of amelioration of the condition of the depressed classes. A sum of Rs. 18,14,607 was spent for the purpose. During the year, 180 acquisition cases were sanctioned and 5,953 houses were constructed in several parts of the State with the help of Government subvention. A sum of Rs. 4,800 was spent for the construction of Bhajana Mandirs for the use of depressed class people. An extent of 15,302 acres and 15 guntas of lands was granted to 1,562 depressed class applicants in the State.

**290.** Encouragement was accorded to the Kannada weekly journal "Panchajanya" which is dedicated to the social and educational advancement of the Harijans by purchasing copies at a cost of Rs. 12,000 for distribution among the members of the depressed classes.

### (xi) Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board.

**291.** The Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board which was located in "Ranga Vilas" building in Seshadri Road was shifted to No. 2 Cubbon Road, Bangalore 1 on 1st November 1951. The Board continued the schemes that were in progress last year and formulated some new schemes for the improvement and expansion of Bangalore City.

**292.** The strength of the Board continued to be 11 including the Chairman. Consequent on the election of the Corporators to the Corporation, four new Trustees were elected by the Corporation to the Board. The Board was reconstituted in October 1951. Fifteen meetings were held and 856 subjects were dealt with during the year.

**293.** An enactment amending the City of Bangalore Improvement Act was passed and the main features of the amendment are:—

1. Enhancement of powers of the Board and the Chairman, under Section 10;